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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted (PTO-1533)(copy enclosed), mailed May 18, 2004, enclosed is a Declaration and Power of Attorney for the above-identified application, which has been executed by the named inventors.

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